

JANUMS, Colonel

In Germany

MUNI 2240, 16 Dec 50. Filed Misc Lat Ops. Leader Lat military group abroad.

JANUMS, Ilis Jan. 7, 1894

WIFE

Ilis, daughter

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Augustdorf b. 1890, 1900,
Wohnstadt, 19

A Latvian colonel, commander of a regiment during the World War II in the 15th Division of the Latvian Legion; chairman of the Latvian veterans' organization "Lauņavas Vēstis" since foundation, reelected 1954. His son is missing since the war, assumed killed in action. His daughter suffered major injuries in a car accident after the war and has one leg amputated, learns for seamstress in Hamburg. J. is also chairman of the Latvian Executive Committee of the Latvian Council in Germany; during the elections in 1954 got the most votes. visited US in 1954 (Jan. to May 1954). (b)

was one of the five colonels who left Latvia in 1941, during the Soviet occupation, because the German General Staff intervened to get them out of Latvia (the driving power of this action was the late Colonel Viktors DEGLAVS). In 1943/44, while in the Latvian Legion, V. Janums was one of the referees of the military commission of the Central Council of Latvia (LCP) - see Latvian Encyclopedia, pg 1400. Now the most popular Latvian soldier in exile with great influence in masses. Rather heavy handed in politics. (C) M. J. M. J.

member Daugavas Vēstis (Lat. Veterans Association)
JACKSON - absence

JANUMS, Col. Vilys

Born 7 Jan. 1894. Honest - moderate intelligence, well-known personality in Latvian political circles. Strong supporter of VALDOMANIS. Chairman of Daugavas Vēstis in British Zone. On presidium of Latvian organization CINITATU APVIENĪVA / (Fighters' Union.) Delegate to LNP from Daugavas Vēstis. July 1948. Elected member presidium of LNP. Editor of "Daugavas Vēstis." Visited UK Oct. 48. Address: Post SARSTEDT BARNTEEN 37, Kreis HILDESHEIM. Reported to have established Latvian security team to interview PWS. returned from all four German countries - spec. emphasis on German PWS arriving from or through Latvia. - May be able to furnish some information on Sov. espionage school at SIBULDA - BAOR reg. arrangements for Janums to be contacted & questioned about his k. con- cerning the espionage school at Soulda. MOKA-7417 6 July 49 TS-33081

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